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Applicants : Sheryl Behar et al.  
Serial No. : 09/469,993 Examiner : J.L. Young  
Filed : December 22, 1999 Art Unit : 3622  
For : **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AWARDED REBATES  
BASED ON CREDIT CARD USAGE TO CREDIT CARD  
HOLDERS**

May 5, 2003

**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 5, 2002**

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being submitted within the third month after the shortened statutory period set for response  
in the final Office Action. A separate Petition and Fee for a three-month extension of time  
are being submitted herewith. With the extension, the deadline for response is reset to  
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